

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20554

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In the matter of:)
)
 Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
) RM-_____
 Table of Allotments)
)
 FM Broadcast Stations)
)
 (Victor, Montana)

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, West Wind Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 289A (105.7Mhz) to Victor, Montana, as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 289A (105.7 Mhz) to Victor, Montana and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 289A to Victor will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Victor is located in Southwest, Montana. It is also located within Ravalli County, a county of some 25,010 persons. Victor has a population of about 500 persons. While Victor is not incorporated and not listed in the 1990 U.S. Census, it is well organized. The U.S.G.S. recognizes Victor as the 7.5 minute sectional is named after Victor. There are several businesses in Victor and it is the business trading area for a several mile radius. There is also a school and community park.

3. The allotment of channel 289A to Victor will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Victor is located at Hamilton, Montana. Hamilton is located 19 kilometers from Victor.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Victor is presently without local FM service.

4. Victor would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 19 Kilometers of Victor. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Victor area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 289A can be allotted to Victor and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Victor, Montana	-----	289A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 289A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 289A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N. 46 - 25' - 00", W. 114 - 09' - 00") are that of a site located within the community of Victor. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 289A to Victor. Suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Victor.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Victor would benefit from the allotment of channel 289A. It has also been shown that channel 289A can be allotted to Victor and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, West Wind Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 289A for Victor, Montana , 73.202.


8. Should channel 289A be allotted to Victor, Montana, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Victor, Montana.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 17, 1997

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 289A6 (105.7 MHz), at N. 46 25 0, W. 114 9 0.

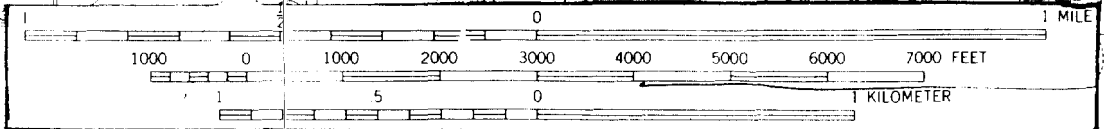
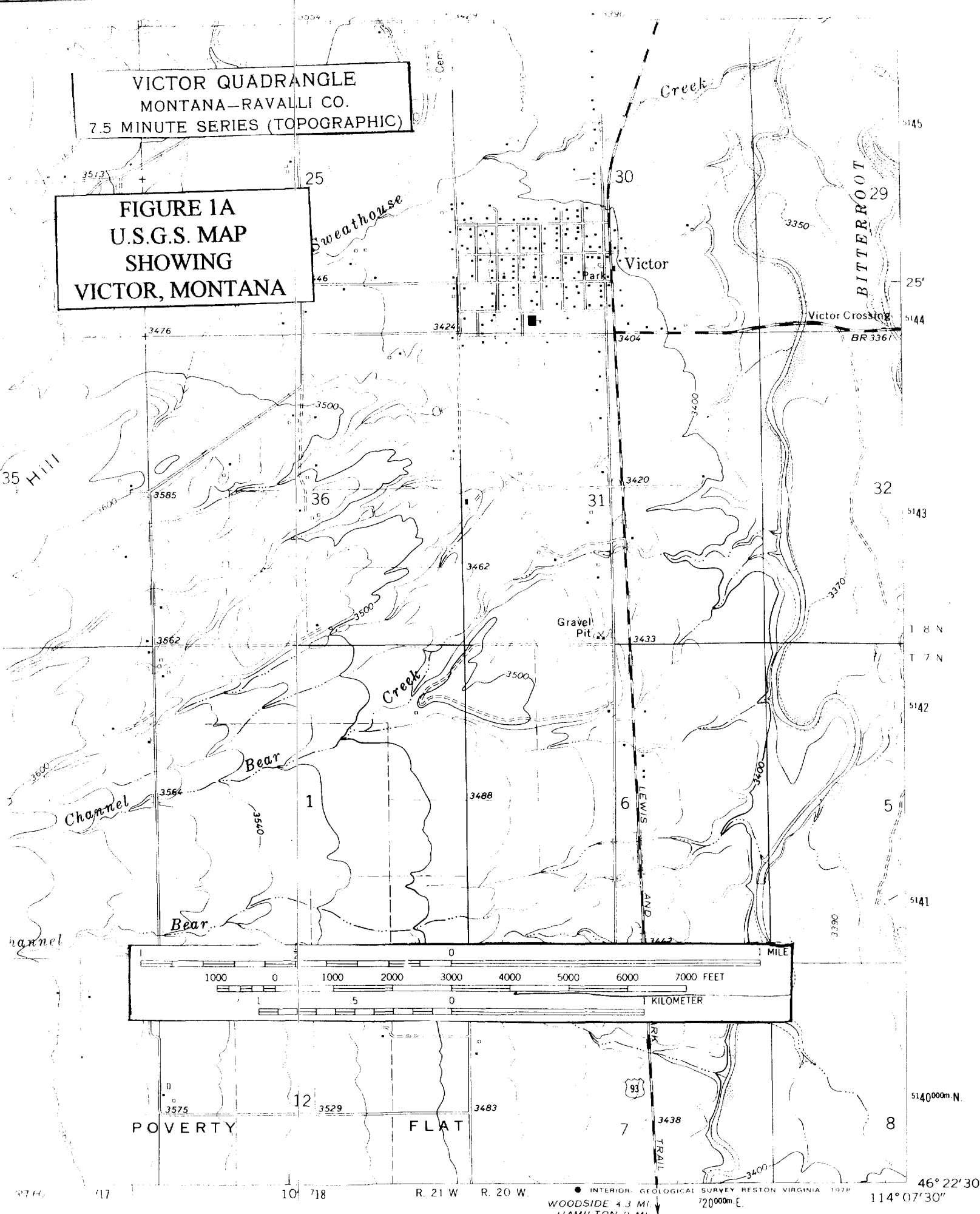
Searching Channel 289A6 (105.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Missoula	MT	235	C	U	70.5	28.0	10.4°	42.5
KYSSFM	Missoula	MT	235	C	C	69.5	28.0	10.0°	41.5
KYSSFM	Missoula	MT	235	C	L	69.6	28.0	10.0°	41.6
ALC	Helena	MT	287	C	U	144.3	95.0	75.2°	49.3
KMTXFM	Helena	MT	287	C	L	144.3	95.0	75.2°	49.3
K288AW	Philipsburg	MT	288	D	L	63.6	0.0	97.5°	63.6
ALC	Spokane	WA	289	C	U	272.0	226.0	298.4°	46.0
KAEP	Spokane	WA	289	C	L	272.0	226.0	298.4°	46.0
ALC	Moscow	ID	291	C1	U	218.6	75.0	277.7°	143.6
KZFN	Moscow	ID	291	C1	L	218.6	75.0	277.7°	143.6
ALC	Kalispell	MT	292	C2	U	196.2	55.0	355.6°	141.2
ALC	Kalispell	MT	292	C	V	233.5	95.0	355.9°	138.5
KDBR	Kalispell	MT	292	C2	L	196.2	55.0	355.6°	141.2
KDBR	Kalispell	MT	292	C	A	233.5	95.0	355.9°	138.5

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL STUDY
VICTOR, MONTANA

VICTOR QUADRANGLE
MONTANA—RAVALLI CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

FIGURE 1A
U.S.G.S. MAP
SHOWING
VICTOR, MONTANA



INTERIOR- GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON VIRGINIA 1978
WOODSIDE 4.3 MI
HAMILTON 9 MI
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Secondary highway, all weather, Light-duty road, all weather,

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